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METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR ASSIGNING A TRANSACTION COST

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c) for type of application)

REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

- (a) \_\_\_ is attached hereto.  
(b) X was filed on May 23, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/576,686.

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- (c) \_\_\_ was described and claimed in international Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

\_\_\_ In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 (a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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- (d) x no such applications have been filed.  
(e) \_\_\_ such applications have been filed as follows:

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Date of Issue	Priority Claimed
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Application Serial Number	Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, ' 120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, ' 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, ' 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

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